GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE/ MANPOWER OF EMIGRATION OFFICES
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Singh Shri Kirti Vardhan

Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) : Whether the number of Indian workers travelling abroad has increased tremendously over the years;

(b) : If so, the details thereof during the last three years;

(c) : Whether the emigration offices in the country lack infrastructure and manpower to cater to the increase in labour outflow;

(d) : If so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(e): Whether the Government has any proposals to introduce E-emigration to make the clearance process faster and easier; and

(f) : If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in reply to Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 404 by Shri Eknath M. Gaikwad & Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh for reply on 23.08.2006 regarding improving infrastructure/manpower of emigration offices

(a) & (b): There has been a gradual increase in the number of Indian emigrants going abroad for employment. The number of such persons who had obtained emigration clearance for employment abroad during the last three years is as under:

Year	No. of persons (in lakh)
2003	4.66
2004	4.75
2005	5.49

(c) to (f): Considering the increase in the number of emigrants going abroad for employment, proposals of upgradation and modernisation of the Offices of the Protectors of Emigrants, liberalising emigration norms and introducing e-governance in emigration are being pursued. Besides, to make the emigration process simple and transparent and to promote orderly and humane migration, the process for a comprehensive amendment of the Emigration Act, 1983 is underway.